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1. [] because of economic difficulties, and in order to meet what they considered to be unavoidable and possibly imminent war, the Chinese Communists decided to halt plans for construction of light industry factories and to concentrate on building up heavy industry for war needs. Light industry construction was to be abandoned in the coastal provinces of Kwangtung, Fukien, and Chekiang. 25X1
2. [] all employees of the Canton Engineering Planning Department of the Ministry of Light Industry assembled in Shunte (N 22-50, E 113-16) for large scale training. At the conclusion of the program, trainees were to be sent to various provinces in northwest China for work. 25X1
3. [] in Kwangtung the only facilities for light industry under construction were an alcohol factory in Shihtouhsiang, P'anyu Hsien (N 23-01, E 113-26), and a sugar-pressing factory in Hsuewen Hsien (N 22-25, E 110-07). These factories were not large and had no Soviet employees. 25X1
1. [] Comment. The Chinese Communist economic construction plan calls for the rapid expansion of heavy industry, dispersal of industry that has heretofore been concentrated in coastal regions, and training of personnel for work in northwest China, where notable expansion is taking place; consequently these factors alone do not indicate any change of plan directed specifically toward war production. 25X1

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